**MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): I wish to know whether in the opinion of the Government picketting is wrong or not?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The opinion of the Government on a general question cannot be given in answer to a question relating to a particular case of picketting.

**MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): I must know what exactly my position would be with regard to that, as to-morrow I myself may have to do this. It is in the public interest that I have put the question as I do not want to transgress the bounds of law.

**PRESIDENT**: Mr. A. K. Pillai, you are not merely going along the line of legitimate supplementary questioning, but you are expecting the Chief Secretary to expound the law to you and be your legal adviser. I think he cannot be your legal adviser.

*Statement, by Castes, of Officers on Rs. 50 and above in the Medical Department.*

144. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by castes, of officers in the Medical Department drawing a salary of Rs. 50 and above?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

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| *I. Hindus.* | |
| 1. Brahmins (Malayala) | 1 |
| 2. Do. (others) | 13 |
| 3. Kshatriya (Malayala) | 1 |
| 4. Nayars | 30 |
| 5. Vellalas | 5 |
| 6. Ezhavas | 5 |
| 7. Other Hindus | 3 |
| *II. Mussalmans.* | Nil |
| *III. Christians.* | |
| 1. Protestants | 21 |
| 2. Roman Catholics—Latin | 16 |
| 3. *Syrians.* | |
| (*a*) Jacobites | 8 |
| (*b*) Mar Thoma | 17 |
| (*c*) Roman Catholic Syrians | Nil |
| *IV. Others.* | Nil |

*Prescription of Text-Books for Schools.*

115. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the prescription of text-books out of the books approved by the Text-Book Committee is vested in the Director of Public Instruction and whether a list of the books so prescribed is sent to the Government for information;

(*b*) whether there has been any instance during the previous years when the list so sent has been modified by the Government;

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